

# **Federal Aviation Regulations**

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## Subpart A -- General

## §67.1 Applicability.

This part prescribes the medical standards and certification procedures for issuing medical certificates for airmen and for remaining eligible for a medical certificate.

#### §67.3 Issue.

Except as provided in 67.5, a person who meets the medical standards prescribed in this part, based on medical examination and evaluation of the person's history and condition, is entitled to an appropriate medical certificate.

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## §67.7 Access to the National Driver Register.

At the time of application for a certificate issued under this part, each person who applies for a medical certificate shall execute an express consent form authorizing the Administrator to request the chief driver licensing official of any state designated by the Administrator to transmit information contained in the National Driver Register about the person to the Administrator. The Administrator shall make information received from the National Driver Register, if any, available on request to the person for review and written comment.

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# §67.101 Eligibility.

To be eligible for a first-class airman medical certificate, and to remain eligible for a first-class airman medical certificate, a person must meet the requirements of this subpart.

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# §67.103 Eye.

Eye standards for a first-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) Distant visual acuity of 20/20 or better in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses. If corrective lenses (spectacles or contact lenses) are necessary for 20/20 vision, the person may be eligible only on the condition that corrective lenses are worn while exercising the privileges of an airman certificate.
- (b) Near vision of 20/40 or better, Snellen equivalent, at 16 inches in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses. If age 50 or older, near vision of 20/40 or better, Snellen equivalent, at both 16 inches and 32 inches in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses.
- (c) Ability to perceive those colors necessary for the safe performance of airman duties.
- (d) Normal fields of vision.
- (e) No acute or chronic pathological condition of either eye or adnexa that interferes with the proper function of an eye, that may reasonably be expected to progress to that degree, or that may reasonably be expected to be aggravated by flying.
- (f) Bifoveal fixation and vergence-phoria relationship sufficient to prevent a break in fusion under conditions that may reasonably be expected to occur in performing airman duties. Tests for the factors named in this paragraph are not required except for persons found to have more than 1 prism diopter of hyperphoria, 6 prism diopters of esophoria, or 6 prism diopters of exophoria. If any of these values are exceeded, the Federal Air Surgeon may require the person to be examined by a qualified eye specialist to determine if there is bifoveal fixation and an adequate vergence-phoria relationship. However, if otherwise eligible, the person is issued a medical certificate pending the results of the examination.

## §67.105 Ear, nose, throat, and equilibrium.

Ear, nose, throat, and equilibrium standards for a first-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) The person shall demonstrate acceptable hearing by at least one of the following tests:
  - (1) Demonstrate an ability to hear an average conversational voice in a quiet room, using both ears, at a distance of 6 feet from the examiner, with the back turned to the examiner.
  - (2) Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of speech as determined by audiometric speech discrimination testing to a score of at least 70 percent obtained in one ear or in a sound field environment.
  - (3) Provide acceptable results of pure tone audiometric testing of unaided hearing acuity according to the following table of worst acceptable thresholds, using the calibration standards of the American National Standards Institute, 1969:

	500	1000	2000	3000
Frequency (Hz)	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz
Better ear (Db)	35	30	30	40
Poorer ear (dB)	35	50	50	60

- (b) No disease or condition of the middle or internal ear, nose, oral cavity, pharynx, or larynx that --
  - (1) Interferes with, or is aggravated by, flying or may reasonably be expected to do so; or
  - (2) Interferes with, or may reasonably be expected to interfere with, clear and effective speech communication.
- (c) No disease or condition manifested by, or that may reasonably be expected to be manifested by, vertigo or a disturbance of equilibrium.

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#### §67.107 Mental.

Mental standards for a first-class airman medical certificate are:

(a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:

- (1) A personality disorders that is severe enough to have repeatedly manifested itself by overt acts.
- (2) A psychosis. As used in this section, "psychosis" refers to a mental disorder in which:
  - (i) The individual has manifested delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of this condition; or
  - (ii) The individual may reasonably be expected to manifest delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of this condition.
- (3) A bipolar disorder.
- (4) Substance dependence, except where there is established clinical evidence, satisfactory to the Federal Air Surgeon, of recovery, including sustained total abstinence from the substance(s) for not less than the preceding 2 years. As used in this section --
  - (i) "Substance" includes: alcohol; other sedatives and hypnotics; anxiolytics; opioids; central nervous system stimulants such as cocaine, aphetamines, and similarly acting sympathomimetics; hallucinogens; phencyclidine or similarly acting arylcyclohexylamines; cannabis; inhalants; and other psychoactive drugs and chemicals; and
  - (ii) "Substance dependence" means a condition in which a person is dependent on a substance, other than tobacco or ordinary xanthine-containing (e.g., caffeine) beverages, as evidenced by --
    - (A) Increased tolerance;
    - (B) Manifestation of withdrawal symptoms;
    - (C) Impaired control of use; or
    - (D) Continued use despite damage to physical health or impairment of social, personal, or occupational functioning.

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- (b) No substance abuse within the preceding 2 years defined as:
  - (1) Use of a substance in a situation in which that use was physically hazardous, if there has been at any other time an instance of the use of a substance also in a situation in which that use was physically hazardous;
  - (2) A verified positive drug test result acquired under an anti-drug program or internal program of the U.S. Department of Transportation or any other Administration within the US Department of Transportation; or
  - (3) Misuse of a substance that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the substance involved, finds --
    - (i) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
    - (ii) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.
- (c) No other personality disorder, neurosis, or other mental condition that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

## §67.109 Neurologic.

Neurologic standards for a first-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:
  - (1) Epilepsy;

- (2) A disturbance of consciousness without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause; or
- (3) A transient loss of control of nervous system function(s) without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause.
- (b) No other seizure disorder, disturbance of consciousness, or neurologic condition that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

#### §67.111 Cardiovascular.

Cardiovascular standards for a first-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:
  - (1) Myocardial infarction;
  - (2) Angina pectoris;
  - (3) Coronary heart disease that has required treatment or, if untreated, that has been symptomatic or clinically significant;
  - (4) Cardiac valve replacement;
  - (5) Permanent cardiac pacemaker implantation; or
  - (6) Heart replacement;
- (b) A person applying for first-class medical certification must demonstrate an absence of myocardial infarction and other clinically significant abnormality on electrocardiographic examination:
  - (1) At the first application after reaching the 35th birthday; and
  - (2) On an annual basis after reaching the 40th birthday.

(c) An electrocardiogram will satisfy a requirement of paragraph (b) of this section if it is dated no earlier than 60 days before the date of the application it is to accompany and was performed and transmitted according to acceptable standards and techniques.

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#### §67.113 General medical condition.

The general medical standards for a first-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus that requires insulin or any other hypoglycemic drug for control.
- (b) No other organic, functional, or structural disease, defect, or limitation that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.
- (c) No medication or other treatment that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the medication or other treatment involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

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# §67.115 Discretionary issuance.

A person who does not meet the provisions of <u>67.103</u> through <u>67.113</u> may apply for the discretionary issuance of a certificate under <u>67.401</u>.

## **Subpart C -- Second-class Airman Medical Certificate**

## [TOP]

# §67.201 Eligibility.

To be eligible for a second-class airman medical certificate, and to remain eligible for a second-class airman medical certificate, a person must meet the requirements of this subpart.

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#### §67.203 Eye.

Eve standards for a second-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) Distant visual acuity of 20/20 or better in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses. If corrective lenses (spectacles or contact lenses) are necessary for 20/20 vision, the person may be eligible only on the condition that corrective lenses are worn while exercising the privileges of an airman certificate.
- (b) Near vision of 20/40 or better, Snellen equivalent, at 16 inches in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses. If age 50 or older, near vision of 20/40 or better, Snellen equivalent, at both 16 inches and 32 inches in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses.
- (c) Ability to perceive those colors necessary for the safe performance of airman duties.
- (d) Normal fields of vision.
- (e) No acute or chronic pathological condition of either eye or adnexa that interferes with the proper function of an eye, that may reasonably be expected to progress to that degree, or that may reasonably be expected to be aggravated by flying.
- (f) Bifoveal fixation and vergence-phoria relationship sufficient to prevent a break in fusion under conditions that may reasonably be expected to occur in performing airman duties. Tests for the factors named in this paragraph are not required except for persons found to have more than 1 prism diopter of hyperphoria, 6 prism diopters of esophoria, or 6 prism diopters of exophoria. If any of these values are exceeded, the Federal Air Surgeon may require the person to be examined by a qualified eye specialist to determine if there is bifoveal fixation and an adequate vergence-phoria relationship. However, if otherwise eligible, the person is issued a medical certificate pending the results of the examination.

## §67.205 Ear, nose, throat, and equilibrium.

Ear, nose, throat, and equilibrium standards for a second-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) The person shall demonstrate acceptable hearing by at least one of the following tests:
  - (1) Demonstrate an ability to hear an average conversational voice in a quiet room, using both ears, at a distance of 6 feet from the examiner, with the back turned to the examiner.
  - (2) Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of speech as determined by audiometric speech discrimination testing to a score of at least 70 percent obtained in one ear or in a sound field environment.
  - (3) Provide acceptable results of pure tone audiometric testing of unaided hearing acuity according to the following table of worst acceptable thresholds, using the calibration standards of the American National Standards Institute, 1969:

	500	1000	2000	3000
Frequency (Hz)	Hz	Hz	Hz	Hz
Better ear (dB)	35	30	30	40
Poorer ear (dB)	35	50	50	60

- (b) No disease or condition of the middle or internal ear, nose, oral cavity, pharynx, or larynx that --
  - (1) Interferes with, or is aggravated by, flying or may reasonably be expected to do so; or
  - (2) Interferes with, or may reasonably be expected to interfere with, clear and effective speech communication.
- (c) No disease or condition manifested by, or that may reasonably be expected to be manifested by, vertigo or a disturbance of equilibrium.

#### [TOP]

#### §67.207 Mental.

Mental standards for a second-class airman medical certificate are:

(a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:

- (1) A personality disorder that is severe enough to have repeatedly manifested itself by overt acts.
- (2) A psychosis. As used in this section, "psychosis" refers to a mental disorder in which:
  - (i) The individual has manifested delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of this condition; or
  - (ii) The individual may reasonably be expected to manifest delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of this condition.
- (3) A bipolar disorder.
- (4) Substance dependence, except where there is established clinical evidence, satisfactory to the Federal Air Surgeon, of recovery, including sustained total abstinence from the substance(s) for not less than the preceding 2 years. As used in this section --
  - (i) "Substance" includes: Alcohol; other sedatives and hypnotics; anxiolytics; opioids; central nervous system stimulants such as cocaine, amphetamines, and similarly acting sympathomimetics; hallucinogens; phencyclidine or similarly acting arylcyclohexylamines; cannabis; inhalants; and other psychoactive drugs and chemicals; and
  - (ii) "Substance dependence" means a condition in which a person is dependent on a substance, other than tobacco or ordinary xanthine-containing (e.g., caffeine) beverages, as evidenced by --
    - (A) Increased tolerance;
    - (B) Manifestation of withdrawal symptoms;
    - (C) Impaired control of use; or

- (D) Continued use despite damage to physical health or impairment of social, personal, or occupational functioning.
- (b) No substance abuse within the preceding 2 years defined as:
  - (1) Use of a substance in a situation in which that use was physically hazardous, if there has been at any other time an instance of the use of a substance also in a situation in which that use was physically hazardous;
  - (2) A verified positive drug test result acquired under an anti-drug program or internal program of the US Department of Transportation or any other Administration within the US Department of Transportation; or
  - (3) Misuse of a substance that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the substance involved, finds --
    - (i) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
    - (ii) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.
- (c) No other personality disorder, neurosis, or other mental condition that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

## §67.209 Neurologic.

Neurologic standards for a second-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:
  - (1) Epilepsy;
  - (2) A disturbance of consciousness without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause; or
  - (3) A transient loss of control of nervous system function(s) without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause;
- (b) No other seizure disorder, disturbance of consciousness, or neurologic condition that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

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# §67.211 Cardiovascular.

Cardiovascular standards for a second-class medical certificate are no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:

- (a) Myocardial infarction;
- (b) Angina pectoris;
- (c) Coronary heart disease that has required treatment or, if untreated, that has been symptomatic or clinically significant;
- (d) Cardiac valve replacement;
- (e) Permanent cardiac pacemaker implantation; or
- (f) Heart replacement.

## §67.213 General medical condition.

The general medical standards for a second-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus that requires insulin or any other hypoglycemic drug for control.
- (b) No other organic, functional, or structural disease, defect, or limitation that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.
- (c) No medication or other treatment that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the medication or other treatment involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

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## §67.215 Discretionary issuance.

A person who does not meet the provisions of <u>67.203</u> through <u>67.213</u> may apply for the discretionary issuance of a certificate under <u>67.401</u>.

## **Subpart D -- Third-class Airman Medical Certificate**

## [TOP]

# §67.301 Eligibility.

To be eligible for a third-class airman medical certificate, or to remain eligible for a third-class airman medical certificate, a person must meet the requirements of this subpart.

#### [TOP]

#### §67.303 Eye.

Eve standards for a third-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) Distant visual acuity of 20/40 or better in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses. If corrective lenses (spectacles or contact lenses) are necessary for 20/40 vision, the person may be eligible only on the condition that corrective lenses are worn while exercising the privileges of an airman certificate.
- (b) Near vision of 20/40 or better, Snellen equivalent, at 16 inches in each eye separately, with or without corrective lenses.
- (c) Ability to perceive those colors necessary for the safe performance of airman duties.
- (d) No acute or chronic pathological condition of either eye or adnexa that interferes with the proper function of an eye, that may reasonably be expected to progress to that degree, or that may reasonably be expected to be aggravated by flying.

#### [TOP]

# §67.305 Ear, nose, throat, and equilibrium.

Ear, nose, throat, and equilibrium standards for a third-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) The person shall demonstrate acceptable hearing by at least one of the following tests:
  - (1) Demonstrate an ability to hear an average conversational voice in a quiet room, using both ears, at a distance of 6 feet from the examiner, with the back turned to the examiner.
  - (2) Demonstrate an acceptable understanding of speech as determined by audiometric speech discrimination testing to a score of at least 70 percent obtained in one ear or in a sound field environment.

(3) Provide acceptable results of pure tone audiometric testing of unaided hearing acuity according to the following table of worst acceptable thresholds, using the calibration standards of the American National Standards Institute, 1969:

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- (b) No disease or condition of the middle or internal ear, nose, oral cavity, pharynx, or larynx that --
  - (1) Interferes with, or is aggravated by, flying or may reasonably be expected to do so; or
  - (2) Interferes with clear and effective speech communication.
- (c) No disease or condition manifested by, or that may reasonably be expected to be manifested by, vertigo or a disturbance of equilibrium.

## [TOP]

## §67.307 Mental.

Mental standards for a third-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:
  - (1) A personality disorder that is severe enough to have repeatedly manifested itself by overt acts.
  - (2) A psychosis. As used in this section, "psychosis" refers to a mental disorder in which --
    - (i) The individual has manifested delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of this condition; or
    - (ii) The individual may reasonably be expected to manifest delusions, hallucinations, grossly bizarre or disorganized behavior, or other commonly accepted symptoms of this condition.
  - (3) A bipolar disorder.

- (4) Substance dependence, except where there is established clinical evidence, satisfactory to the Federal Air Surgeon, of recovery, including sustained total abstinence from the substance(s) for not less than the preceding 2 years. As used in this section --
  - (i) "Substance" includes: alcohol; other sedatives and hypnotics; anxiolytics; opioids; central nervous system stimulants such as cocaine, amphetamines, and similarly acting sympathomimetics; hallucinogens; phencyclidine or similarly acting arylcyclohexylamines; cannabis; inhalants; and other psychoactive drugs and chemicals; and
  - (ii) "Substance dependence" means a condition in which a person is dependent on a substance, other than tobacco or ordinary xanthine-containing (e.g., caffeine) beverages, as evidenced by --
    - (A) Increased tolerance;
    - (B) Manifestation of withdrawal symptoms;
    - (C) Impaired control of use; or
    - (D) Continued use despite damage to physical health or impairment of social, personal, or occupational functioning.
- (b) No substance abuse within the preceding 2 years defined as:
  - (1) Use of a substance in a situation in which that use was physically hazardous, if there has been at any other time an instance of the use of a substance also in a situation in which that use was physically hazardous;
  - (2) A verified positive drug test result conducted under an anti-drug rule or internal program of the US Department of Transportation or any other Administration within the US Department of Transportation; or
  - (3) Misuse of a substance that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the substance involved, finds --

- (i) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
- (ii) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.
- (c) No other personality disorder, neurosis, or other mental condition that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

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## §67.309 Neurologic.

Neurologic standards for a third-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:
  - (1) Epilepsy;
  - (2) A disturbance of consciousness without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause; or
  - (3) A transient loss of control of nervous system function(s) without satisfactory medical explanation of the cause.
- (b) No other seizure disorder, disturbance of consciousness, or neurologic condition that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

# §67.311 Cardiovascular.

Cardiovascular standards for a third-class airman medical certificate are no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of any of the following:

- (a) Myocardial infarction;
- (b) Angina pectoris;
- (c) Coronary heart disease that has required treatment or, if untreated, that has been symptomatic or clinically significant;
- (d) Cardiac valve replacement;
- (e) Permanent cardiac pacemaker implantation; or
- (f) Heart replacement.

#### [TOP]

#### §67.313 General medical condition.

The general medical standards for a third-class airman medical certificate are:

- (a) No established medical history or clinical diagnosis of diabetes mellitus that requires insulin or any other hypoglycemic drug for control.
- (b) No other organic, functional, or structural disease, defect, or limitation that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the condition involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or
  - (2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.
- (c) No medication or other treatment that the Federal Air Surgeon, based on the case history and appropriate, qualified medical judgment relating to the medication or other treatment involved, finds --
  - (1) Makes the person unable to safely perform the duties or exercise the privileges of the airman certificate applied for or held; or

(2) May reasonably be expected, for the maximum duration of the airman medical certificate applied for or held, to make the person unable to perform those duties or exercise those privileges.

## [TOP]

# §67.315 Discretionary issuance.

A person who does not meet the provisions of <u>67.303</u> through <u>67.313</u> may apply for the discretionary issuance of a certificate under <u>67.401</u>.

## **Subpart E -- Certification Procedures**

#### [TOP]

## §67.401 Special issuance of medical certificates.

- (a) At the discretion of the Federal Air Surgeon, an Authorization for Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate (Authorization), valid for a specified period, may be granted to a person who does not meet the provisions of subparts B, C, or D of this part if the person shows to the satisfaction of the Federal Air Surgeon that the duties authorized by the class of medical certificate applied for can be performed without endangering public safety during the period in which the Authorization would be in force. The Federal Air Surgeon may authorize a special medical flight test, practical test, or medical evaluation for this purpose. A medical certificate of the appropriate class may be issued to a person who does not meet the provisions of subparts **B**, **C**, or **D** of this part if that person possesses a valid Authorization and is otherwise eligible. An airman medical certificate issued in accordance with this section shall expire no later than the end of the validity period or upon the withdrawal of the Authorization upon which it is based. At the end of its specified validity period, for grant of a new Authorization, the person must again show to the satisfaction of the Federal Air Surgeon that the duties authorized by the class of medical certificate applied for can be performed without endangering public safety during the period in which the Authorization would be in force.
- (b) At the discretion of the Federal Air Surgeon, a Statement of Demonstrated Ability (SODA) may be granted, instead of an Authorization, to a person whose disqualifying condition is static or nonprogressive and who has been found capable of performing airman duties without endangering public safety. A SODA does not expire and authorizes a designated aviation medical examiner to issue a medical certificate of a specified class if the examiner finds that the condition described on its face has not adversely changed.
- (c) In granting an Authorization or <u>SODA</u>, the Federal Air Surgeon may consider the person's operational experience and any medical facts that may affect the ability of the person to perform airman duties including --
  - (1) The combined effect on the person of failure to meet more than one requirement of this part; and

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- (2) The prognosis derived from professional consideration of all available information regarding the person.
- (d) In granting an Authorization or <u>SODA</u> under this section, the Federal Air Surgeon specifies the class of medical certificate authorized to be issued and may do any or all of the following:
  - (1) Limit the duration of an Authorization;
  - (2) Condition the granting of a new Authorization on the results of subsequent medical tests, examinations, or evaluations;
  - (3) State on the Authorization or <u>SODA</u>, and any medical certificate based upon it, any operational limitation needed for safety; or
  - (4) Condition the continued effect of an Authorization or <u>SODA</u>, and any second- or third-class medical certificate based upon it, on compliance with a statement of functional limitations issued to the person in coordination with the Director of Flight Standards or the Director's designee.
- (e) In determining whether an Authorization or <u>SODA</u> should be granted to an applicant for a third-class medical certificate, the Federal Air Surgeon considers the freedom of an airman, exercising the privileges of a private pilot certificate, to accept reasonable risks to his or her person and property that are not acceptable in the exercise of commercial or airline transport pilot privileges, and, at the same time, considers the need to protect the safety of persons and property in other aircraft and on the ground.
- (f) An Authorization or <u>SODA</u> granted under the provisions of this section to a person who does not meet the applicable provisions of subparts <u>B</u>, <u>C</u>, or <u>D</u> of this part may be withdrawn, at the discretion of the Federal Air Surgeon, at any time if
  - (1) There is adverse change in the holder's medical condition;
  - (2) The holder fails to comply with a statement of functional limitations or operational limitations issued as a condition of certification under this section;
  - (3) Public safety would be endangered by the holder's exercise of airman privileges;
  - (4) The holder fails to provide medical information reasonably needed by the Federal Air Surgeon for certification under this section; or

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- (5) The holder makes or causes to be made a statement or entry that is the basis for withdrawal of an Authorization or <u>SODA</u> under **67.403**.
- (g) A person who has been granted an Authorization or <u>SODA</u> under this section based on a special medical flight or practical test need not take the test again during later physical examinations unless the Federal Air Surgeon determines or has reason to believe that the physical deficiency has or may have degraded to a degree to require another special medical flight test or practical test.
- (h) The authority of the Federal Air Surgeon under this section is also exercised by the Manager, Aerospace Medical Certification Division, and each Regional Flight Surgeon.
  - (i) If an <u>Authorization</u> or <u>SODA</u> is withdrawn under paragraph (f) of this section the following procedures apply:
  - (1) The holder of the Authorization or <u>SODA</u> will be served a letter of withdrawal, stating the reason for the action;
  - (2) By not later than 60 days after the service of the letter of withdrawal, the holder of the Authorization or <u>SODA</u> may request, in writing, that the Federal Air Surgeon provide for review of the decision to withdraw. The request for review may be accompanied by supporting medical evidence;
  - (3) Within 60 days of receipt of a request for review, a written final decision either affirming or reversing the decision to withdraw will be issued; and
  - (4) A medical certificate rendered invalid pursuant to a withdrawal, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, shall be surrendered to the Administrator upon request.
- (j) No grant of a special issuance made prior to September 16, 1996, may be used to obtain a medical certificate after the earlier of the following dates:
  - (1) September 16, 1997; or
  - (2) The date on which the holder of such special issuance is required to provide additional information to the FAA as a condition for continued medical certification.

§67.403 Applications, certificates, logbooks, reports, and records: Falsification, reproduction, or alteration; incorrect statements.

- (a) No person may make or cause to be made --
  - (1) A fraudulent or intentionally false statement on any application for a medical certificate or on a request for any Authorization for Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate (<u>Authorization</u>) or Statement of Demonstrated Ability (SODA) under this part;
  - (2) A fraudulent or intentionally false entry in any logbook, record, or report that is kept, made, or used, to show compliance with any requirement for any medical certificate or for any <u>Authorization</u> or <u>SODA</u> under this part;
  - (3) A reproduction, for fraudulent purposes, of any medical certificate under this part; or
  - (4) An alteration of any medical certificate under this part.
- (b) The commission by any person of an act prohibited under paragraph (a) of this section is a basis for --
  - (1) Suspending or revoking all airman, ground instructor, and medical certificates and ratings held by that person;
  - (2) Withdrawing all <u>Authorizations</u> or <u>SODA</u> held by that person; and
  - (3) Denying all applications for medical certification and requests for <u>Authorizations</u> or <u>SODA</u>
- (c) The following may serve as a basis for suspending or revoking a medical certificate; withdrawing an <u>Authorization</u> or <u>SODA</u>; or denying an application for a medical certificate or request for an <u>Authorization</u> or <u>SODA</u>:
  - (1) An incorrect statement, upon which the FAA relied, made in support of an application for a medical certificate or request for an **Authorization** or **SODA**.
  - (2) An incorrect entry, upon which the FAA relied, made in any logbook, record, or report that is kept, made, or used to show compliance with any requirement for a medical certificate or an **Authorization** or **SODA**.

## §67.405 Medical examinations: Who may give.

- (a) *First-class*. Any aviation medical examiner who is specifically designated for the purpose may give the examination for the first-class medical certificate. Any interested person may obtain a list of these aviation medical examiners, in any area, from the FAA <u>Regional Flight Surgeon</u> of the region in which the area is located.
- (b) Second- and third-class. Any aviation medical examiner may give the examination for the second- or third-class medical certificate. Any interested person may obtain a list of aviation medical examiners, in any area, from the FAA Regional Flight Surgeon of the region in which the area is located.

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# §67.407 Delegation of authority.

- (a) The authority of the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44703 to issue or deny medical certificates is delegated to the Federal Air Surgeon to the extent necessary to --
  - (1) Examine applicants for and holders of medical certificates to determine whether they meet applicable medical standards; and
  - (2) Issue, renew, and deny medical certificates, and issue, renew, deny, and withdraw <u>Authorizations</u> for Special Issuance of a Medical Certificate and <u>Statements of Demonstrated Ability</u> to a person based upon meeting or failing to meet applicable medical standards.
- (b) Subject to limitations in this chapter, the delegated functions of the Federal Air Surgeon to examine applicants for and holders of medical certificates for compliance with applicable medical standards and to issue, renew, and deny medical certificates are also delegated to aviation medical examiners and to authorized representatives of the Federal Air Surgeon within the FAA.
- (c) The authority of the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44702, to reconsider the action of an aviation medical examiner is delegated to the Federal Air Surgeon; the Manager, Aerospace Medical Certification Division; and each Regional Flight Surgeon. Where the person does not meet the standards of 67.107(b)(3) and (c), 67.109(b), 67.113(b) and (c), 67.207(b)(3) and (c), 67.209(b), 67.213(b) and (c), 67.307(b)(3) and (c), 67.309(b), or 67.313(b) and (c), any action taken under this paragraph other than by the Federal Air Surgeon is subject to reconsideration by the Federal Air Surgeon. A certificate issued by an aviation medical examiner is considered to be affirmed as issued unless an FAA official named in this paragraph (authorized official) reverses that issuance within 60 days after the date of issuance. However, if within 60 days after the date of issuance an authorized official requests the certificate holder to submit additional

medical information, an authorized official may reverse the issuance within 60 days after receipt of the requested information.

(d) The authority of the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44709 to re-examine any civil airman to the extent necessary to determine an airman's qualification to continue to hold an airman medical certificate, is delegated to the Federal Air Surgeon and his or her authorized representatives within the FAA.

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#### §67.409 Denial of medical certificate.

- (a) Any person who is denied a medical certificate by an aviation medical examiner may, within 30 days after the date of the denial, apply in writing and in duplicate to the Federal Air Surgeon, Attention: Manager, Aerospace Medical Certification Division, AAM-300, Federal Aviation Administration, P.O. Box 26080, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73126, for reconsideration of that denial. If the person does not ask for reconsideration during the 30-day period after the date of the denial, he or she is considered to have withdrawn the application for a medical certificate.
- (b) The denial of a medical certificate --
  - (1) By an aviation medical examiner is not a denial by the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44703.
  - (2) By the Federal Air Surgeon is considered to be a denial by the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44703.
  - (3) By the Manager, Aerospace Medical Certification Division, or a Regional Flight Surgeon is considered to be a denial by the Administrator under 49 U.S.C. 44703 except where the person does not meet the standards of 67.107(b)(3) and (c), 67.109(b), 67.113(b) and (c), 67.207(b)(3) and (c), 67.209(b), 67.213(b) and (c), 67.307(b)(3) and (c), 67.309(b), or 67.313(b) and (c).
- (c) Any action taken under <u>67.407</u>(c) that wholly or partly reverses the issue of a medical certificate by an aviation medical examiner is the denial of a medical certificate under paragraph (b) of this section.
- (d) If the issue of a medical certificate is wholly or partly reversed by the Federal Air Surgeon; the Manager, Aerospace Medical Certification Division; or a Regional Flight Surgeon, the person holding that certificate shall surrender it, upon request of the FAA.

# §67.411 Medical certificates by flight surgeons of Armed Forces.

- (a) The FAA has designated flight surgeons of the Armed Forces on specified military posts, stations, and facilities, as aviation medical examiners.
- (b) An aviation medical examiner described in paragraph (a) of this section may give physical examinations for the FAA medical certificates to persons who are on active duty or who are, under Department of Defense medical programs, eligible for FAA medical certification as civil airmen. In addition, such an examiner may issue or deny an appropriate FAA medical certificate in accordance with the regulations of this chapter and the policies of the FAA.
- (c) Any interested person may obtain a list of the military posts, stations, and facilities at which a flight surgeon has been designated as an aviation medical examiner from the Surgeon General of the Armed Force concerned or from the Manager, Aeromedical Education Division, AAM-400, Federal Aviation Administration, PO Box 26082, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125.

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#### §67.413 Medical records.

- (a) Whenever the Administrator finds that additional medical information or history is necessary to determine whether an applicant for or the holder of a medical certificate meets the medical standards for it, the Administrator requests that person to furnish that information or to authorize any clinic, hospital, physician, or other person to release to the Administrator all available information or records concerning that history. If the applicant or holder fails to provide the requested medical information or history or to authorize the release so requested, the Administrator may suspend, modify, or revoke all medical certificates the airman holds or may, in the case of an applicant, deny the application for an airman medical certificate.
- (b) If an airman medical certificate is suspended or modified under paragraph (a) of this section, that suspension or modification remains in effect until the requested information, history, or authorization is provided to the FAA and until the Federal Air Surgeon determines whether the person meets the medical standards under this part.

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**§67.415** Return of medical certificate after suspension or revocation. The holder of any medical certificate issued under this part that is suspended or revoked shall, upon the Administrator's request, return it to the Administrator.

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